

- 1. (Thrice amended) A method for the preparation of cells for use in the production of at least one biological, said method being discontinuous and comprising:
 - a) culturing cells to form a preproduction batch,
 - b) dividing the cells of the preproduction batch into a first part and a second part,
 - c) employing said first part for the preparation of at least one production batch for the production of at least one biological,
 - d) employing said second part as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch,
 - e) optionally culturing the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch to obtain a greater cell population,
 - f) optionally repeating b) to e), using the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch of d) or e) for the preproduction batch of b).
- 2. (Thrice amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein:
 - a) said first part is transferred for the preparation of the at least one production batch, and
 - b) said second part is transferred to be used as a seed for the preparation of the at least one subsequent preproduction batch.

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